

Senate File 386 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 386
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 142)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an interim legislative study committee
2 relating to the establishment of one or more facilities to
3 provide care and treatment for persons who are sexually
4 aggressive, combative, or who have unmet geropsychiatric
5 needs.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. FACILITY FOR PERSONS WITH AGGRESSIVE OR
2 PSYCHIATRIC BEHAVIORS — INTERIM COMMITTEE — REPORT.

3 1. The legislative council is requested to establish an
4 interim study committee relating to the establishment of one
5 or more facilities to provide care and treatment for persons
6 who are sexually aggressive, combative, or who have unmet
7 geropsychiatric needs.

8 2. The study committee shall be composed of ten members
9 of the general assembly. Five members shall be members of
10 the senate, three of whom shall be appointed by the majority
11 leader of the senate, and two of whom shall be appointed by
12 the minority leader of the senate. Five members shall be
13 members of the house of representatives, three of whom shall
14 be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives,
15 and two of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of
16 the house of representatives.

17 3. The study committee shall receive testimony from
18 stakeholders with an interest or expertise relating to the
19 care and treatment of persons who are sexually aggressive,
20 combative, or who have unmet geropsychiatric needs including
21 health care providers, long-term care facilities, hospitals,
22 health systems, and other entities; consumers and families of
23 consumers; individuals involved in the delivery and financing
24 of related services and supports; and representatives of
25 agencies responsible for oversight, funding, and regulation of
26 such services and supports.

27 4. The study committee shall specifically address and
28 make recommendations relating to the characteristics of the
29 residents for such a facility and the size of the resident
30 populations to be served; options for creating a new facility
31 or expanding an existing facility; workforce recruitment,
32 training, and compensation issues; requirements that the
33 facility or facilities must meet in order to qualify for
34 Medicaid reimbursement; and any other information deemed
35 appropriate by the committee.

1 5. The study committee shall meet during the 2015
2 legislative interim and shall submit a report and
3 recommendations to the general assembly by January 1, 2016.

4 EXPLANATION

5 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

7 This bill relates to the housing of persons who are sexually
8 aggressive or combative or who have unmet geropsychiatric
9 needs. The bill requests the legislative council to establish
10 an interim legislative study committee relating to the
11 establishment of one or more facilities to provide care and
12 treatment for persons who are sexually aggressive, combative,
13 or who have unmet geropsychiatric needs. The study committee
14 shall receive testimony from certain stakeholders with
15 interests or expertise in the resident population identified
16 for care and treatment, and shall specifically address and
17 make recommendations relating to the characteristics of the
18 residents for such a facility and the size of the resident
19 population to be served; options for creating a new facility
20 or expanding an existing facility; workforce recruitment,
21 training, and compensation issues; Medicaid reimbursement
22 qualifications; and any other information deemed appropriate
23 by the committee.

24 The committee must provide a report of findings and
25 recommendations to the governor and general assembly by January
26 1, 2016.